



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
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Mr. Frank S. Bacio

Ms. Barbara Bigby  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mrs. Anne S. Hill  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **MEETING OF JULY 28, 2010**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña  
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio  
Barbara Bigby  
Rita Hall  
John Hammargren

##### **Excused Absence**

Anne S. Hill  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Staff**

Lee Millen  
Nyla Jefferson  
Jimmy Prieto

#### **APPROVAL OF JULY 21, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bacio and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2010 were approved with the following edit:

On Page 2, paragraph 4, last sentence should read, The facility's ~~was void of any minority clients~~ clientele was not similar to the general population we serve.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- On July 23, 2010, she attended Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' Youth Offenders Reentry Planning Summit.
- Reviewed the following Newspaper articles:
  - Los Angeles Times
    - *Problem Persist in Child Welfare Agency (7/25/10)*
    - *Scam Let Deputies Fake Cell Checks (7/22/10)*
    - *Deputies Thwarted Bar Code System at Jail (7/22/10)*
  - Daily Breeze
    - *Child Agency's Woes Persist (7/25/10)*
    - *A Child is Dead. Why? (7/28/10)*
    - *Ten Deputies Disciplined for Falsifying Cell-Check Records (7/22/10)*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's charitable fund is \$1,807.93.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Lee Millen, Staff, reported that the Scholarship Awards Presentation is scheduled on August 17, 2010. Commissioner Hall is unable to attend the presentation; the Commission asked staff to contact Supervisor Molina's office to determine if it can be rescheduled to August 24, 2010. Discussion ensued on breakfast; the Commission will supplement the continental breakfast with fruit and possibly quiche.

Chairperson Montano has signed the letter drafted for use by Vice Chair Bacio to open a Chase Bank account.

Commissioner Hall and Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel, joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9**

Chairperson Montano recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Camp Scudder Letters.

Chairperson Montano reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 10:55 a.m., and advised that County Counsel Jennifer Lehman will prepare a letter acknowledging receipt of a letter from Camp Scudder.

Commissioner Hammargren requested that staff obtain brochures on the complaint process, and to inquire with pertinent Departments regarding a contact to direct complaints received as per County Policy.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS ON GROUP HOMES AND/OR DETENTION FACILITIES  
INSPECTIONS FROM JULY 22, 2010 TO JULY 27, 2010**

**Temple City Sheriff's Station – Vice Chairperson Bacio** The facility was visited on July 22, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Area of Concern:** The Station would like a sally port at the back of the jail and a color monitoring camera with zoom capability. Also, the station would like more personnel to fill various positions.

**Careprovider Org. Foundation – 5, #1 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill** The facility was visited on July 22, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**San Fernando Branch – Chairperson Montaña** The facility was visited on July 26, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Children Are My Future – 7, #3 – Commissioner Bigby** The facility was visited on July 23, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Needs dressers in Bedroom #1 & 2; bathroom #1 & 2 need caulking in the shower and door; repair hall cabinet door; replace staircase rug; and restock food supply. A follow-up visit is planned in 30 days.

**Dream Home Care, Inc. – 15, #1 – Chairperson Montaña** The facility was visited on July 27, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Washington Hancock Home for Girls – 46, #4 – Commissioners Hall and Moore** The facility was visited on July 27, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** A toilet clogged (plumber contacted) and existing bed bug problem (appropriate action taken); also, located near a motel and prostitution activity.

**Rosemary Children Services – 39, #2 – Commissioner Bigby** The facility was visited on July 27, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Area of Concern:** A Needs and Services Plan was not updated (most current is 11-09).

**CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.